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In re Application of   :
Ray Won et al.   :
Application No. 10/659,450 :
Filed: December 30, 2003   :   DECISION ON PETITION
Attorney Docket No.   :
100325.0074US2   :
Title: SPLIT-FLOW PROCESS AND :
APPARATUS   :

This is a decision on the petition filed December 30, 2003.

On September 9, 2003, the above-identified application was deposited. On December 3, 2003, the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) mailed a "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-provisional Application – Filing Date Granted (notice)", advising applicant that Figure 2 appeared to have been omitted. The Notice set a two-month period for response.

On December 30, 2003, Petitioner submitted a "Petition for Date of this Submission of Items Indicated as Omitted on 'Notice of Omitted Items' as Application Filing Date Nonprovisional Application," along with Figure 2 and payment of the petition fee. Based on the title of the petition, as well as the fact that the petition does not mention any evidence that the missing figure was included on filing, it is clear that Petitioner accepts the date of deposit of the formerly omitted drawing as the filing date.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a **filing date of**

December 30, 2003, the date of receipt of the formerly omitted item, Figure 2, using the original application papers filed September 9, 2003, and the Figure submitted with the instant petition on December 30, 2003.

Any inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0011.

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